

clean energy and energy efficiency must be updated and extended. It is important to note that the fossil energy alternatives these industries are competing with have permanent tax incentives. We cannot continue to direct scarce tax dollars to industries that are a major contributor to climate change.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE "JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD POST OFFICE"

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as you know, here in Washington we have the unique opportunity to work for the citizens of this great nation and provide positive change in the lives of many. Together we work for the good of our communities, and in the process we cross paths with some remarkable leaders.

Today I am introducing a bill that will recognize the life of one of those very special leaders of our time, the late Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald, by designating a facility of the United States Postal Service in my district as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office."

Rep. Millender-McDonald was a pillar in many of the communities I represent. She was a resilient public servant who was deeply loved by her community first as an educator, then as program coordinator for a nonprofit fighting gender issues, and finally as a beloved elected official. Undaunted by the work to be done, Rep. Millender-McDonald took charge of her opportunity to serve and became the first African American woman to be named Chairwoman of the House Committee on Administration. She was also an active member of the Congressional Black Caucus and served over a decade in the House of Representatives.

An exemplary piece of her legacy was her work to better the lives of not just those here at home but internationally as well. Her work to aid victims of genocide and human trafficking serves as a testament to her dedication to creating a better world. Millender-McDonald worked tirelessly for her constituents, taking only a week of leave before she succumbed to cancer.

By designating a United States Postal Service facility in my district as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office," we honor an exemplary woman with an incredible public service record that I hope will further serve as inspiration for the community which I serve—the same community which so revered her.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
L. CLIFFORD DAVIS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to celebrate an entire life of accomplishment, fighting for civil rights, and devotion to improving the lives of others for a greatly re-

spected constituent of mine in Fort Worth, the Honorable L. Clifford Davis.

Following graduation from Philander Smith College with a degree in Business Administration in 1945, Mr. Davis then enrolled at Howard University Law School for the school year 1945–1946.

In the spring of 1946, he applied for admission to the University of Arkansas Law School but, because he is African-American, was not admitted. In the school year 1946–1947, he enrolled at Atlanta University majoring in Economics but continued to seek admission to the University of Arkansas Law School. In the fall of 1947, he returned to Howard Law School but continued correspondence with the University of Arkansas in an effort to gain admittance.

In January 1948, a press conference was called at the University of Arkansas to announce that if he applied he would be admitted if he enrolled. But, because of the "separate but unequal" arrangements at Arkansas, Mr. Davis elected to remain at Howard and graduate with a Juris Doctor Degree in 1949. His efforts ultimately led to the University of Arkansas' decision to integrate its graduate programs, becoming the first southern state university to do so without litigation.

After graduating from law school, Mr. Davis returned to Arkansas and was admitted to practice law on July 4, 1949. He has practiced law in Arkansas and Texas for over 65 years and represented numerous plaintiffs in public school de-segregation cases. After serving as legal counsel for the NAACP in the 1960s, he became one of the first African American state district judges in Tarrant County, serving from 1983 to 1988 in Criminal District Court No. 2.

For his Civil Rights efforts, the NAACP has awarded him the highest award for Civil Rights litigation, and he has been recognized by the National Bar Association's Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. On the local level, he has received numerous awards including the Blackstone Award, the highest award presented to a lawyer, and the Civil Gavel Award, the highest award presented to a judge, both awards presented by the Tarrant County Bar Association. Today, the L. Clifford Davis Elementary School in Fort Worth bears his name.

Judge Davis has been Counsel at the Johnson, Vaughn & Heiskell law firm since 1989, where he still practices law today. Despite the great time demands of these many accomplishments, he served his country in the military from 1954 to 1955 and was also an Assistant Professor in the Business Department at Paul Quinn College from 1952 to 1954.

Judge Davis is happily married to Ethel R. Davis and they have two daughters, Avis and Karen; and is a member of the St. Andrews United Methodist Church.

I am grateful for Judge L. Clifford Davis' many decades of service to this nation in advancing Civil Rights, serving in our military, and paving the way for others by establishing scholarships so that students can follow in his path. Our nation is grateful as well for his service.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE ELEVATION OF REVEREND DOCTOR JAMES C. PERKINS TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Doctor James C. Perkins on his election as the new President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Beginning his service as an ordained minister in 1974, Dr. Perkins has served as pastor of Greater Christ Baptist Church for the last thirty years. Under his leadership the congregation of Greater Christ Baptist has grown deeper in its fellowship and in it is outreach to the Greater Detroit community.

As a strong believer that faith requires a person to care about both their spiritual well-being and the well-being of their community, Dr. Perkins has led his congregation in the creation of ministries that have been making a difference in the Greater Detroit region. Among the many projects these ministries have supported are the Fellowship Nonprofit Housing Corporation, which serves the community as a force for economic development and the Benjamin E. Mays Male Academy which opened in 1993 and operated for 17 years with the mission of providing access to education for young males in the Greater Detroit community. As a result of these efforts, the Providence Place complex, which provides housing to fifty low and middle income families, hundreds of young men have seen their quality of life improve. In addition to these accomplishments, Greater Christ Baptist runs a food pantry that provides vital food products to families in need, a political awareness ministry that fosters community interest in civic participation and the Progressive Matrons ministry that supports homeless women.

Realizing that his role as a spiritual leader is one that intersects with other community interests, Dr. Perkins also serves on the boards of a number of community organizations. These organizations include: the Michigan Progressive Baptist Convention where he served as president, the Detroit Baptist Pastors Council, the Detroit Chapter of the NAACP, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., and the Steering Committee of the Detroit Jobs Alliance. For his work he has been recognized with many awards, including: the Gandhi King Ikeda Award from Morehouse College, the Pastor of the Year Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Charles Andrew Hill Award from the Michigan Progressive Baptist Convention.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Perkins' elevation to the presidency of the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) is a recognition of the profound impact his leadership has made on the Greater Detroit community, and the inspiration that leadership has instilled in his congregation and other members of the PNBC. I congratulate him on achieving this important milestone in his service to the congregation of Greater Christ Baptist Church, the PNBC and the Greater Detroit community. I know he will continue to be a strong leader and staunch